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more children and that is all?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well Senator Chambers, I would really rather that you ask amendment sponsor that question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I know, but I would rather...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...I am not here to defend the amendment one way or the other.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand, I wanted to ask those who voted for it though, thank you. Members of the Legislature you all know what I am doing and the ones that I asked of know what I am doing. A lengthy amendment was placed on our desks this morning. If people read it they did not read it carefully because they did not have time to do so. They did not analyze it, there is language that needs to be cleaned up. But, I believe that this is something...let me as Senator Beutler a question before I make any presumptions. Senator Beutler, was this amendment put together in conjunction with the governor's office, meaning that people form the governor's office participated in the constructing of this amendment that was just adopted?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'm not going to play this game with you. You have made an effort to embarrass the other members of the Legislature and they don't deserve embarrassment because the "shall" or "may" language I think in that situation has a very credible explanation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well why don't...

SENATOR BEUTLER: And, there ought to be an opportunity to be able to explain that before you embarrass every...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...well if I ask...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...member of the Legislature...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you the question...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...by suggesting they don't know...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if you don't want to answer...